



Education Workgroup Report

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SUBJECT: Status Report on the Education Workgroup Activities
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Sustainable Growth Challenge

The Education Work Group is working on the 2016 Sustainable Growth Challenge (SGC), which will focus on topics related to Reinvest Maryland.

The deadline for submitting expressions of intent to enter a group for the SGC was September 18. Ten professors submitted expressions of intent for thirteen possible teams. Schools included Towson University, Bowie State University, Harford Community College, College of Southern Maryland, University of Maryland College Park, Goucher College, Chesapeake College, and Community College of Baltimore County. Staff is working with professors, as requested, to identify and refine project ideas.

The remaining calendar of events is:

1. October – November 2015 – Work Group members visit classes to discuss Reinvest Maryland and provide early feedback on proposed projects
2. December 2015 – Deadline for submissions
3. December 2015 – Review of submissions and invitations to present
4. January 2016 – Presentations to panel
5. February 2016 – Awards ceremony

Green Space in the Community

The Work Group has identified an interest in working on a project related to Green Space in the Community, which is consistent with the Children in Nature Partnership's goals. The group discussed developing a product document/module that provides the justification, strategies and benefits for increasing access of all citizens to nature, and enhancing and creating more green space in urban environments. Possible partners in this effort could include DNR and MDP, MD Partnership for Children in Nature, Greater Baltimore Wilderness Coalition, DHMH, local government parks and recreation agencies and Maryland non-profits.